

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-CHINA NAVAL EXERCISES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and China joint naval exercises were held in the month of May, 2001;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the joint naval exercises will bring both the countries closer on defence ties; and
- (d) if so, the achievements made therefrom so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Chinese Naval ships Harbin and Taicang had been on a goodwill visit to Mumbai from 26th to 30th May, 2001. On their departure on 30th May 2001, basic friendship exercises of two hours duration with one ship of the Indian Navy were conducted.
- (c) & (d): Friendship exercise of the nature as were conducted during the visit of the Chinese ships are meant to promote better understanding between the two navies.